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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DANZIG GOLD

REF: BRUSSELS 06884

1. FOLLOWING MY MEETING THIS MORNING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER SPASOWSKI ASKED TO SEE ME. HE SAID THAT AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI HAD BEEN STRONGLY ADVISED BY STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS TO TAKE POSSESSION OF THE DANZIG GOLD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THIS, INDEED, WAS THE DESIRE OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, SPASOWSKI SAID, HE HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT THE DELIVERY ORDER HAD NOT YET REACHED THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK. HE ASKED ME WHETHER I KNEW HOW IT HAD BEEN TRANSMITTED FROM BRUSSELS. I SAID I HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT IT HAD BEEN SENT THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL MAIL AND WAS SUPPOSED TO REACH ITS DESTINATION IN A FEW DAYS. I SAID I WAS SURPRISED TO HEAR THAT IT HAD NOT YET REACHED THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.

2. SPASOWSKI ASKED ME WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE MORE EXACTLY HOW THE DELIVERY ORDER HAD BEEN TRANSMITTED, WHEN IT HAD BEEN SENT, AND WHEN IT COULD BE EXPECTED TO REACH THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK. TURNING TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAWLISZEWSKI OF DEPARTMENT III, WHO WAS TAKING NOTES, CONFIDENTIAL

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HE ASKED WHETHER THE DELIVERY ORDER TO THE BANK OF

ENGLAND HAD REACHED ITS DESTINATION. PAWLISZEWSKI SAID HE DID NOT KNOW. SPASOWSKI SAID THAT NEARLY TEN DAYS HAD NOW PASSED AND HIS GOVERNMENT HAD NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO TAKE DELIVERY OF THE GOLD. HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD THEREFORE GREATLY APPRECAITE OUR CHECKING UP AND PROVIDING THE INFORMATION HE HAD REQUESTED.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: I SHOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING CURRENT INFORMATION ON THE MEANS BY WHICH THE DELIVERY ORDER TO THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK WAS DESPATCHED AND WHETHER IT HAS YET REACHED ITS DESTINATION.
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